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SDNG Soldier promoted to chief warrant officer five

RAPID CITY, S.D. – Tom Terpening of Rapid City and a member of the Joint Force Headquarters, South Dakota Army National Guard was promoted to the rank of chief warrant officer five on Thursday, Sept. 4, during a pinning ceremony held at Camp Rapid.

The rank of chief warrant officer five is the highest obtainable rank within the U.S. Army's Warrant Officer Corps.

Terpening, 57, currently serves in the Army National Guard's Information Management Office where he works as an information technology (IT) specialist. He is the supervisor of the Customer Support Branch where he oversees Help Desk operations as well as the configuration, fielding and refreshing of more than 1,500 desktop and laptop computers located across the state.

Graduating from Wagner High School, Terpening joined the South Dakota Army National Guard on Nov. 15, 1969, and became trained as a field wireman in the communications section of the 137th Engineer Battalion.

He went on to graduate from the University of South Dakota at Springfield with an associate's degree in Applied Science in Automotive Repair and began working full time for the National Guard in 1972 as a mechanic in the Organizational Maintenance Shop #11 in Wagner.

He served as the shop foreman from 1986 to 1994 before moving to Rapid City where he served as shop foreman at OMS #2 from 1994 to 2003. He has worked in the Information Management Office for the past five years.

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080904-A-5701M-836 Photo Cut Line: RAPID CITY, S.D. - Tom Terpening, of Rapid City is pinned with the rank of chief warrant officer five by his daughter-in-law, Kelsey (Ader) Terpening, during a promotion ceremony held Thursday, Sept. 4, at Camp Rapid. Army National Guard photo by Sgt. 1st Class Donald Matthews. (Released)

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